



Holy Family

C H U R C H
Our Doors Are Open Wide



“Priests, Pastors, and Pain; three words that shouldn’t share the same sentence. Priests, Pastors, Hope? Yes. Priests, Pastors and Healing? By all means.” I borrowed this quote from Max Lucado. It does express my thoughts, feelings, and anger as well as yours, as we continue to learn of the scandals beneath the steeples, and the deception by the hierarchy. Last Sunday, when I spoke to you, I wanted everyone to know that I too share in all of your emotions of anger, hurt, humiliations and pain.

Trust. Yes, what do we do about trust? This is the question I have asked myself for years and I am sure every other victim, their families and all of you are questioning. I truly believe, as I stated Sunday, that the only way the inner part of the church is going to change and start some healing is if we priests and bishops stand aside and let you, the people of God, come in and save us. Then, and only then, will trust start to be healed. I also want everyone to know that if you would like to talk I am here for you. I have added part of Pope Francis’ response to reports of clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up of abuse. In an impassioned letter addressed to the whole People of God, he calls on the Church to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such “atrocities”.

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis To the People of God

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

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Masses

Sunday.....9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

August 26 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers.....Maria Vega
and Kellee Athens
Lector.....Alexandria Wilson
and LaShonya Wilson
Communion Ministers.....John
King, Sister Pat Cummings, Rita
Gardner, Joyce Addo, Debbie
Gauselin, Vernon Lam
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

August 26 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....Amanda Seddon

Sept. 2 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Jane Justic
Lector.....Odell Gordon
Eucharistic Ministers.....Dawn
O'Holleran, Pervis Balthazar,
Eric Niamba, Jacque Hale, Jim
Bruton, Bob Johnson
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Sept. 2 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....

August Ushers:

West Side.....Duane Crockett
Center West...Antwan Wilson
Center East....Tyler Romer
East Side.....Ivory Hill

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WEBSITE

www.holyfamilychicago.org

Registration forms for new
parishioners, weddings,
and baptisms.

News and information about
Holy Family Parish
Check it out!

Please send all **bulletin
announcements**, including
names of people for the prayer
list, to
marina@holyfamilychicago.org
Announcements are due by
Monday at noon.

Please Remember in your
Prayers:

Sr. Mary Angela Buser, BVM,
Michael Rosario Costa, The
Gibson Family, Spencer Hooper,
Madelynn Jacobs, Ella Johnson,
Letece Lee, Sr. Mary Ellen
Mackey, BVM, Raymond Milton,
Denise Summers, Sam Tripp



Michael Crosse
Vincent Salvatore Bonsonto

WOMEN'S CENTER

SEEKING DONATIONS: Current-
ly we are only accepting car
seats (all less than 7 years old)
for 20-40 lb. infants, cribs and
high chairs.. We also need baby
food (in date) and Enfamil for-
mula and women's hygiene
products and diapers in size 6
only. These items cannot be
picked up unless accompanied
by baby furniture. The families
who receive these things are
grateful for your generosity. For
our address where you can de-
liver them to us or if a pick-up
by a volunteer is needed,
please call 773-794-1313.



HOLY FAMILY CHOIR

The Holy Family choir has
been a part of this community
for many years, singing God's
praise. New members are
needed to continue this
ministry.
There are no specific
requirements and rehearsal is
immediately after Mass each
week for about one hour. You
can do this! And in doing so,
you would be helping to make
music a vital part of our liturgy.

Please contact the parish office
if you are interested.

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

August 12 9:45.....\$1307.30
5:00.....\$603.00
Give Central.....\$1115.00
(Difference - \$174.70)

August 19 9:45.....\$887.75
5:00.....\$615.25
Give Central.....\$860
(Difference - \$837)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....\$22,042.77
Budget..... \$25,600.00
Surplus/(Deficit) (-\$3557.23)

*((\$3,200 a week for 8 weeks)

If you use an envelope that is
not pre printed with your name
or #, please be sure to write the
information on it so you can
receive proper credit.

Contributions can also be
made at givecentral.org Call the
parish office with any questions
or for help with online
donations.

You can also click on the
'Donate' link on our web page.
www.holyfamilychicago.org
Thank you for your support.

Calendar



Saturday, Sept. 8
Hunger Walk

Sunday,
Sept. 23 11:00—1:30
Women of the Spirit



The 2018-2019 year of Religious Education classes will be starting in September. Registration for the upcoming year will be held on today—Sunday, August 26th, immediately following the 9:45 AM mass. The full schedule of class dates will be available at the time of registration.

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 11AM to 12:30 PM in Damen Hall. Attendance at Mass is expected for all students enrolled in classes. The fee for the full year of classes is \$100 per student.

The Religious Education program includes four levels.

Primary Level Class - A class designed for young students (K & 1st grade)

Reconciliation/Communion—A class preparing students to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion (2nd grade)

Intermediate Level Class—A class designed for students who have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion (3rd to 6th grade)

Confirmation—A class preparing students to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. (7th grade and up) **Preparation for Confirmation is a 2 year process.**

For further information, please contact Jim Bruton, Coordinator of Religious Education.

WINDOW RESTORATION

After not being seen for almost 50 years, the beautiful stained glass window of St. John Nepomucene on the east side of the church is being restored. The restoration is being done by Daprato Rigali Studios of Chicago, the same company that did the Prodigal Son window this spring, and will take 4 to 6 months to complete. Thanks to a very generous family, approximately three quarters of the \$48,000 cost has been pledged. The window, which symbolizes the seal of the confessional, depicts St. John Nepomucene before King Wenceslaus IV, with sword in hand, commanding St. John to tell him what the Queen has confessed. St. John refused to reveal the secret of the confessional and, as a result, was tortured and thrown into the river where he drowned. He is considered a patron saint of the Czech Republic. We look forward to having another piece of Holy Family history restored to its original splendor, and to the beauty that it brings to our liturgy every week.



Holy Family parishioners and friends are welcome to support this project by donating to help defer the remaining amount. See our website www.holyfamilychicago.org

33rd ANNUAL HUNGER WALK SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

The 33rd Annual Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk will take place on Saturday, September 8, 2018, at Jackson Park. The Hunger Walk provides support to the Holy Family Food Pantry. (con't)



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Sessions beginning In September!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where you can explore and experience the Catholic faith community. It is an opportunity to learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church in a comfortable and welcoming environment.

The Christian Initiation process offers support and guidance as you seek to discover how God is working in your life. If you or an adult you know is interested in the RCIA process or have questions, please speak to Fr. Mike or Jim Bruton or feel free to contact Jim at jim@hollyfamilychicago.org

33rd ANNUAL HUNGER WALK



SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

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We will once again have complimentary bus transportation to and from the Walk, and parishioners and friends of all ages are invited to take part.

We will have a sign up sheet available in the back of Church for those who are able and willing to walk, and are also accepting donations.

There is a new web page that will also help us raise funds for our food pantry. Any small donation helps tremendously! Thanks for checking out our new website link.

<https://www.classy.org/team/179475>